

Tri-County Area School District

Plainfield, WI

Minutes from Athletics/Hot Lunch/Transportation Committee Meeting

Held April 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Sue Lederer, Chairperson, in the district office conference room.

Committee members present were: Sue Lederer, Jim Knutson, Wayne Cummings, and Kathryn Rutz.

Others present included: Anthony Marinack, District Administrator; Cindy Baumgartner, School Board Member; Lori Bartram, Bartram Bus Service.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

The first item for discussion was the reduction of bus routes for the 2015-2016 school year. The proposal was to cut one route from each bus company. Bartram has always had 4 routes. One route was eliminated from Safeway in the 2002/2003 school year, leaving them with 5 routes. Our current enrollment has decreased to 669 students. At the start of each school year, we do have additional students riding from the Migrant camps. It costs \$41,999 per bus route per school year, plus excess fuel costs. Committee members would like information on how many miles each bus route covers and how many actual stops each bus makes. (The map in board room shows total number of potential stops in district.) Mr. Marinack will gather the information from the bus companies.

The second item for discussion was the purchase of a slightly used/new small school bus for the 2015-2016 school year. The bus would be used to transport special needs students to and from school on a daily basis, as well as small extra-curricular/field trips when possible. Mr. Marinack reported that a new 17-20 passenger with wheelchair access would cost \$62,000. The cost to run it per school year would be \$36,250. A gas engine is recommended. The bus would be stored in the shop. A back-up plan would need to be negotiated with a bus company in case of a breakdown. Tony, Wayne, and Scott would possibly need a bus driver license in case of illness and to perform routine maintenance on the bus. Wendy Jones would be the main driver. The bus should pay for itself in 2 years. The question arose if we would be able to set aside a set amount of money each year to be able to replace the bus in 10 years.

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18PM.

Recorded by: Ann Hintz